

TOPIC Grossenhain Airfield

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1. Between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on 18 June 1951, 17 swept-back jet fighters, about 10 to 12 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with radial engines, and two biplanes were seen at Grossenhain airfield. (1) The alert flight consisted of four jet fighters with the red numbers 675, 685, 492, and 16. They had white-bordered Soviet stars. Plane No 16 was the only one with a yellow horizontal stripe on the upper edge of its rudder assembly. Six jet fighters were parked north of the alert flight. These planes had two-digit red numbers and a yellow stripe on the rudder assembly. The remaining jet fighters were parked in front of the hangars. (2)
2. A large trailer with windows, 4 tank trucks, 2 trucks, and 1 jeep were parked next to the alert flight. No railroad cars were seen on the spur track, but nine large aircraft crates, including four boxes for wings, were stored on the loading ramp. The numbers 247, 248, 249, and 250 were seen on the last four crates. (3)
3. Four jet aircraft of the alert flight with the numbers 13, 16, 21, and 62 were parked on the southern edge of the field at 10:15 a.m. on 15 June. Four additional jet planes were parked in front of the large hangar which was open. Eight jet aircraft practiced formation flying in separate elements of two over the field. At 6 p.m. on 16 June, four alert planes with the numbers 12, 62, 58, and 661 were seen at the field. There was no flying.
4. At 9:10 a.m. on 18 June, a three-engine transport with a double-rudder assembly and eight square windows on the fuselage aft of the wings landed at the field. It came from the east. The plane taxied to the large hangar and took off again at 10:20 a.m. heading west. The same plane had landed at the field about four to six weeks ago. (4) Nine jet planes were seen on the southern edge of the field at 11 a.m. Fourteen jet planes practiced flying after 12:30 p.m.
5. The planes of the alert flight seen at noon on 19 June had the numbers 12, 18, 58, and 661. No flights were made. The same stand-by planes were parked on the southern edge of the field between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. on 20 June. Jet planes No 21, 38, 662, and 749 were towed out of the large hangar and then took off from the field at 4:30 p.m. An additional 16 jet planes were counted at the field. A gray-green biplane with the black number 20 on its fuselage circled over the field. A biplane seen on 21 June had the black number 21.

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6. On 25 June, the four alert planes had the numbers 18, 21, 58, and 749. There was no flying between noon and 4 p.m. It was raining. The noise of flying jet aircraft was heard during the night of 28 June. The alert planes seen on 24 June had the numbers 39, 40, 59, and 60.

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7. All the aircraft numbers were red. The planes with two-digit numbers had a colored diagonal stripe on the rudder assembly whereas the planes with three-digit numbers had no such stripe. A truck occupied by five sentries was parked at each end of the runway during flying activity. The sentries watched all pedestrians. [REDACTED] were seen at the field.

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Comments.

- (1) The airfield is occupied by two fighter regiments and one fighter division headquarters. The regiments are equipped with MIG-15s, Yak-11s, and PO-2s.
- (2) Previously, 52 MIG-15s with red two-digit numbers were observed. In addition to two-digit numbers, three-digit numbers of the 400, 500, 600, and 700 series have also been recently seen at Grossen- main airfield. It is possible that the aircraft previously bearing two-digit numbers have been given new numbers recently. The new numbering system is not known.
- (3) It has not been determined whether the aircraft crates are numbered consecutively.
- (4) This aircraft type is not known.

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